

REMARKS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 2, 19 and 24 are cancelled and claims 1, 18, 20-23 and 25 are currently amended. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein.

Allowable Subject Matter

Examiner points out that claims 2, 5, 15-17,20 and 24-32 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to add the limitations of claim 2. Therefore, claim 1 is in condition for allowance and claims 3-17 dependant on claim 1 are also in condition for allowance.

Claim 18 has been added the limitations of claims 19 and 24. Therefore, claim 18 is in condition for allowance and claims 20-23 and 25-32 which depend on claim 18 are also in condition for allowance.

For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of objection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and that the present application is in condition for allowance.

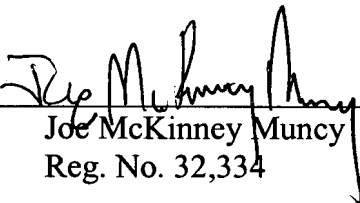
If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 205-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.


Respectfully submitted,

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